Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

The Council met in the Dewan's room, Public Offices, at 12 Noon on Thursday the 13th March 1919/30th Kumbham 1094.

Present.

DEWAN BAHADUR M. KRISHNAN NAIR ESQ., B. A. & B. L.,
DEWAN.....*Presiding.*

V. Subba Aiyar Esq., B. A. & B. L.
N. Subrahmanya Aiyar Esq., M. A.
R. Mahadeva Aiyar Esq., B. A.
Rao Bahadur K. V. Rengaswami Aiyangar Esq., M. A.
N. Raman Pillai Esq., B. A.
John Kuriyan Esq., B. A., B. C. E.
I. C. Chacko Esq., B. A., B. Sc.
N. Rajaram Rao Esq., B. A.
Paul Daniel Esq., M. A. & L. T.
A. Govinda Menon Esq., B. A.
M. Subrahmanya Pillai Esq.
K. A. Krishna Aiyangar Esq., B. A & B. L.
R. Gopala Pillai Esq., B. A. & B. L.
John Mackie Esq.
C. Raman Tampi Esq., B. A. & B. L.

K. Narayanan Pandalai Esq., B. A. & B. L.....*Secretary.*

The Secretary reported that Mr. C. Raman Tampi, B. A. & B. L., who had been appointed official Member of the Council, took his seat in Council that day.

The Secretary also reported that the Motor Vehicles Regulation Amendment Bill, finally passed by the Council on the 13th December 1918, received the assent of His Highness the Maha Raja on the 9th March 1919 and became law as Regulation VI of 1094.

THE PUBLIC CANALS AND FERRIES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar, in moving for permission to introduce a Bill to amend the Public Canals and Ferries Regulation, I of 1084, said :—

"Sir,

The Public Canals and Ferries Regulation was passed only in 1084, but it has been brought to the notice of the Government that certain difficulties have been felt in the working of some of its provisions. As the Regulation stands, every vessel that plies for hire is required to be registered irrespective of its size, while vessels not plying for hire, whatever be their size, need no registration. The proposed amending Bill is drafted to bring the law into conformity with the Madras Act and thus to require that all vessels whether plying for hire or not should be licensed or registered, Government being empowered, however, to exempt any vessel or class of vessels from license or registration, as the case may be. Section 4 of the Regulation has been modified on the above lines. Advantage is also taken to introduce some provisions in the proposed Bill to regulate and control more efficiently and strictly the Steam and Motor vessels that ply in the State. The object of these provisions is that every Steam or Motor vessel that plies for hire should have a certificate of inspection before it proceeds on a voyage, and that every master, *syrang* or driver should possess a certificate of competency or of service for the proper discharge of his duties under the Regulation. These provisions cover forty or fifty Sections. It is therefore thought necessary to redraft the whole Regulation with a view to embody them in the Bill. These provisions are adopted from the Inland Steam Vessels Act which was passed in 1917 by the Government of India. It is hoped that, with the aid of these provisions, Government will be in a position to exercise an effective control and supervision over the Steam and Motor Vessels which form the chief means of conveyance through a greater part of the line of navigation between Trivandrum and Parur. I therefore beg to move for permission to introduce the Bill at the next meeting of the Council."

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Aiyar.

Carried.

THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar then moved for permission to introduce a Bill to amend the Code of Civil Procedure, and said :—

"The present Regulation is now thirty years old. Act XIV of 1882, on the lines of which the Regulation was passed, has been repealed, and Act V of 1908 has been passed in British India, following the English rules of practice. It is proposed to amend the existing Code on the lines of the above Act and to introduce a new Bill. The main features of the Bill will be that it will consist of two parts, viz., the first part containing the Sections forming substantive portion and the second part, regulating the details of procedure. The substantive

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